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In re Application of:

HIDEO ANDO ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/662,230

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For: SYSTEM FOR HANDLING
AUDIO INFORMATION WITH
REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. Japanese Publication No. 62-234474 discloses audio information which is outputted simultaneously with a still image.
2. Japanese Publication No. 1-257094 discloses an image representative of an image group taken by a digital still camera.
3. Japanese Publication No. 64-66839 discloses a representative image in which the location for storing the representative image is on another surface of an optical disc, which is different from the location for storing other kinds of information.

In addition, the undersigned has been advised that U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/233,027, filed January 20, 1999; 09/348,267, filed July 7, 1999; 09/476,777, filed December 30, 1999; 09/630,321, filed July 31, 2000; 09/630,430, filed August 1, 2000; and 09/630,597, filed August 1, 2000; and PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/02256, filed April 7, 2000, which are pending in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, might be related to the subject application. Copies of these documents have not been submitted.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under U.S. law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

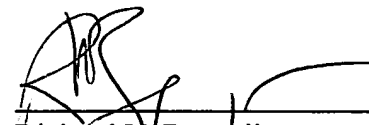
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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